

HOUSE RESOLUTION 363

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Thomas Denniston of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Thomas Denniston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denniston was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Fayette County, John Denniston valiantly defended his country as a member of the United States Army as a corporal during the Korean War, and he was a distinguished member of the Fayette County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Denniston served with the utmost diligence as Deputy Sheriff of Fayette County and rendered stellar service as the court bailiff and security officer of the Fayette County Courthouse, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers, fellow citizens, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, John Denniston donated his time and talents as a longtime member of the Somerville Masonic Lodge, where he served with acumen and alacrity as a past Master of the local lodge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denniston was an active and devout member of the Baptist church, which he served faithfully throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Denniston enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of fifty-one years, Nell Spencer Denniston, who preceded him in death, and he was the proud father of Lois Weaver and Betty Rose, both of whom preceded him in death, as well as

Margaret Bailey, Tammy Denniston, Johnnie Wiggins, Pete Denniston, and John Denniston, all of whom survive him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denniston was the doting grandfather of seventeen and the great-grandfather of eighteen, and he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his sisters, Ruby Crawford and Shelby Jenkins, and his brother, Edd Denniston; and

WHEREAS, John Denniston leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of John Thomas Denniston, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Denniston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.